

ANNUAL REPORT

JOSIAH B. THOMAS
HOSPITAL

PEABODY, MASSACHUSETTS

FOR THE THREE YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1949



TRUSTEES
OF THE
J. B. Thomas Hospital

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Superintendent's Report for the Years

1947 - 1948 - 1949

To: The Board of Trustees of the J. B. Thomas Hospital.

Gentlemen:

As no annual report outside of Statistics have been released during the past three years, I have the honor to submit herewith a tri-annual report for the year 1947 through December 31, 1949.

The beginning of the year 1947 in a Post war era brought to the J. B. Thomas Hospital many problems and situations which had accumulated during the war years and some whose origin even preceeded the war, with the result that even though our problems had not been so great in 1948 and 1949; 1947 was a strenuous year because of the greater utilization of the hospital. The taxing and over taxing of its capacity placed serious stress and strain upon both the personal and physical plant. The strain of capacity and operation was further complicated by shortages of personnel, supplies, replacements and new equipment.

Thus the year 1947 began with a weary, undermanned staff, many of whom had no previous experience and training except that secured under abnormal conditions and with inadequate supervision. The Hospital could not afford to pay increased salaries to compete with outside industry with the result that we were more than 50% dependent on part time workers, volunteers and undermanned departments. With the passage of the first three months of the year 1947 and with the Trustees receiving a good insight of what the Hospital was up against, it was decided that in order to survive and bring the Hospital back to a point where the City of Peabody could be proud of it, many changes had to take place. The first change was an increase in rates for we were maintaining the lowest rates in this area, we have since increased our rates again — however, they are still reasonable and we believe we are giving the City of Peabody the cheapest hospitalization within the North Shore Area.

The increased rates along with a capacity house gave us the right to go ahead in the expenditure of a greater amount of funds than we had previously with the result that we were able to employ more experienced personnel, thereby giving better nursing care and service to the patients, a Dietician was employed on a full time basis, our Laboratory and X-Ray increased through personnel by one, wages were increased and also added were extra maids and house men.

During the war years little could be done because of shortages of materials, supplies and labor to improve ordinary maintenance of the Hospital. Consequently, several years work had accumulated. Realizing the imperative necessity of rehabilitating present facilities if operation was to continue, improvements were started.

With the Trustees and Auxiliary working hand in hand, the physical plant was improved by replacing and repairing defective and worn out plumbing and heating, electrical appliances and fixtures, redecorating ceilings, floors and walls; repairing, replacing and redecorating Hospital furniture and complete redecora-

ting of the Nurses' Home. The purchase of a New Auxiliary generator which has paid for itself in service by keeping the Hospital lighted up during the dark days and nights when the City of Peabody's lights failed. The Clinical care of the patient has also been improved by acquiring much needed medical, surgical, X-Ray, laboratory and pharmaceutical supplies.

Such improvements necessitated a distinct increase in expenditure over those of preceeding years, however considering improvements made it is felt that the increased expenditures are consistant with the increased cost of materials, supplies and labor.

As one can readily see in both the financial and statistical reports that follow that the hospital has been consistent for the past three years in regards to the number of patients admitted, the number of patient days and the amount of work required for these patients, however when you compare the consistency with the receipt and expenditure report you can readily see what the increased cost of everything we buy had to do with the high cost of hospitalization today. However the Trustees have insisted that buying be done intelligently, that contracts be given to the lowest bidders, and that personnel be kept to a minimum without imparing the care to the patient or the physical appearance of the plant. In this way we have kept our expenses to a minimum and though our expenditures look high we have been able to return to the City of Peabody each of the past three years an average of .83½ cents on every dollars expended by the Hospital.

The Hospital, though it be a monument in masonry and steel, an organization of highly trained people, a Social institution expending sums of the Community's money in the Community's service, is in its truest essence built around the single, individual patient, who at any moment needs the service at the hospital, its physical, human and spiritual resources. I feel that the Hospital has made progress these past three years in rendering better care to the individual patient. For this I am indeed grateful to a cooperative Board of Trustees, to the Medical Staff, the Nursing Staff, to the Women's Auxiliary and to all the employees of the Hospital whose care, devotion and skill have made this possible.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS W. CONNOLLY,

Superintendent

STATISTICAL REPORT

REPORT ON RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

	1949	1948	1947
No. of Patients in Hospital Jan. 1	55	57	39
No. of Patients Admitted	2134	2148	2291
No. of Patients Treated but not adm.	731	749	751
Accidents	498		
Operations	233		
Total number of patients treated	2934	2954	3081
Newborn	306	303	395
No. of deaths	73	66	75
Length of stay in Hospital	9.1	9.1	9
Daily average of patients in Hospital	54.1	52.8	54.7
Maximum No. any one day	73	77	71
Minimum	35	33	36
Total No. of operations	1204	1260	1370
Major	324		
Minor	880		
No. of X-Ray	2064	1886	1694
No. of Lab. Tests	8506	7503	7850
No. of patients Pvt. cases	1638	1675	1772
No. of patients House Cases	191	171	124
Total patients day	19800	19826	19861
Returned on the \$1.00 per patient	.84	.83.2	.83

Report On Receipts and Expenditures

	1949	1948	1947
Balance, Jan. 1, 1949	\$ 11,212.48	\$ 2,568.10	\$ 4,436.44
Appropriation City of Peabody	26,917.52	48,000.00	33,000.00
Cash Receipts, 1949	200,526.62	180,933.70	153,203.11
Total Receipts Approp.	238,656.62	231,502.78	190,639.55
EXPENSES			
Medical and Surgical	10,615.34	9,028.74	6,290.09
Drugs	19,411.04	18,444.61	14,338.05
X-Ray	9,085.37	8,470.29	7,945.72
Laboratory	2,423.84	2,414.91	2,794.98
Office and Printing	2,393.64	2,164.05	1,282.05
Repairs and Improvements	12,211.82	15,428.58	10,358.27
Express and Postage	403.87	334.65	314.36
Laundry	842.09	994.39	934.60
Legal Services and Insurance	1,953.15	922.98	32.50
Fuel	10,180.67	10,843.84	8,833.64
Gas, Light and Power	4,491.14	4,071.58	3,031.93
Water and Sewer	959.17	959.28	614.76
Telephone	1,158.46	766.42	831.47
Household	6,145.12	5,358.70	6,071.15
Food	41,103.88	38,872.38	32,148.75
S. M. Payroll	67,123.60	55,289.25	51,466.64
Weekly Payroll	47,058.46	45,907.83	40,596.63
Miscellaneous	173.03	146.90	185.16
TOTAL	\$237,733.89	\$220,420.30	\$188,070.65
UNEXPENDED			
BALANCE FOR YEAR	\$922.73	\$11,082.48	\$2,568.90

March 1, 1950

Board of Trustees,
J. B. Thomas Hospital,
Peabody, Mass.

Dear Sirs:-

Following you will find a list of equipment and supplies which the Auxiliary was able to provide for the Hospital for the years 1947, 1948 and 1949 in the amount of \$12,192.18.

We were able to do this because of the splendid co-operation and generosity of private citizens, manufacturing concerns and fraternal societies of the city in addition to our money making activities.

Yours truly,

J. B. Thomas Hospital Auxiliary,
DOROTHY M. McCARTHY,
President

— 1947 —	
Blankets	\$ 95.00
Sewing Machines	112.75
Painting ward, kitchen, etc.	855.00
Draperies and fixtures for Private rooms	470.06
Instruments for Operating room	451.88
Surgical bed	148.00
Bedside tables and cribs for Children's Ward	291.18
Basal Metabolism	300.00
E. K. G. machine	700.00
TOTAL	<u>\$3423.87</u>

1300 cans of soups, etc., were
donated by the children of public
and parochial schools—value
not included in above.

— 1948 —	
Painting	\$ 600.00
Linens	2363.25
Two Frigidaires	1400.00
Towels, etc., from Linen shower	130.00
Two Sewing machines	159.50
Light for Operating room	250.00
Refinishing floors at Nurses' Home	130.00
Rugs for Nurses' Home	585.00
Curtains and fixtures for Private rooms	134.47
Chairs for Private rooms	411.00
Cleansing draperies and blankets, Private rooms	50.00

TOTAL \$6213.22
1500 cans of soups, etc., received
on "Donation Day," value not
included in above.

Vacuum cleaner for Nurses' home	\$ 50.00
Cleaning blankets and draperies	46.25
Linens	1099.14
Frigidaire for diet kitchen	165.33
Incubator for nursery	144.25
Glass top table for operating room	28.60
Two stretchers	165.00
Window shades	36.15
Frigidaire for nursery	185.37
Spot film device for X-Ray	600.00
Clysis set for operating room	35.00

TOTAL \$2555.09

COMPLETE TOTAL \$12,192.18

1940 cans of soups, etc., received on "Donation Day," value not included in above.

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The Auxiliary, through its members and friends contributed, during 1949, approximately 2000 hours of volunteer services as receptionists during visiting hours at the Hospital.

THOMAS HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

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